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Patty is an intuitive healing coach, bi-lingual and bi-cultural and uses various modalities in her practice including trauma-informed, culturally competent, and healing-centered approaches. She is a transnational social worker and for nearly a decade, Patty has dedicated her work to serving immigrant victims of crimes, and justice-impacted folks. Patty's experience ranges from working with the immigrant and refugee population, violence prevention, criminal justice policy advocacy, and reproductive justice. Patty recently transitioned from her role as the Director of Migrant Family Services where she directed the daily operations of family-based services at the JFS led asylum seeking shelter for families in San Diego. Patty is now working as a project-based consultant committed to advancing social justice-oriented and advocacy organizations. Patty is passionate about integrating multi-disciplinary approaches to best serve traumaimpacted communities. She is committed to helping transform harmful organizations, systems, and movements and innovate to those that are equipped to support the development, healing, transformation, and liberation of trauma-impacted leaders driving social change. Patty is a distinguished Rockwood Building Power Fellow, a statewide cohort of social justice leaders committed to advancing racial and health equity. No matter what hat she is wearing. Patty's goal remains the same— to empower and uplift trauma-impacted communities. Respectfully,

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